

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the current application. Claims 1-9 currently stand rejected, and claims 1-10 and 12 have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-20 are respectfully requested in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for holding the brief telephonic interview of March 25, 2010. During the interview, Applicants proposed amending the independent claims to recite a “non-transitory recording medium” instead of a “non-transitory computer-readable medium” suggested in the office action. The Examiner agreed that the proposed amendment would also overcome the rejections under § 101.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Particularly, the Examiner indicates that the “computer-readable medium” recited in claims 1-9 may include transitory signals. Applicants have amended claims 1-9 to instead recite a “non-transitory recording medium” so as to affirmatively remove transitory signals pre se from the scope of these claims. Because claims 1-9 as amended recite

statutory apparatuses, these claims comply with § 101. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 to claims 1-9 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-20 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

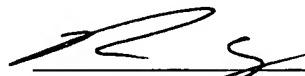
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Ryan Alley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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